

STUDIES IN NEOTROPICAL SAPOTACEAE III.

Ecclinusa guianensis Eyma in Panamá.

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Ecclinusa Martius, a poorly known and rarely collected genus of about ten species centered in Guayana region and previously known only from northern Brasil, Venezuela, the Guianas, Amazonian Perú, and one species in Colombia (Chocó), has been recently collected in Panamá, AUBREVILLE (1961, 1972) and RODRIGUEZ-CARRASQUERO (1980).

The panamanian collection is Ecclinusa guianensis Eyma, previously known from the Guayana area (Venezuela, northern Brasil, Surinam, Cayenne, and Guyana). It was collected in 1977 in Bocas del Toro Province by B.L. Gordon during his ongoing primates studies.

This apparently represents a remarkable range disjunction. While this long disjunction between Guayana and eastern Panamá might be a collection artifact, GENTRY (1979) lists nineteen other genera which have similar patterns of disjunction.

As another example of the Guayana-Panamá disjunction, the new report of Ecclinusa guianensis from Panamá, further supports the Gentry's hypothesis that this is a real biogeographic pattern.

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Collection data are as follows: PANAMA, Bocas del Toro Province, Río San Pedro, Guaymé country; common name: negrito; fruits are partially eaten by animals. $9^{\circ} 60' N, 81^{\circ} 30' W$
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